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In re Application of )  
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Wolfgang Günter RUCKMANN ) Art Unit: 3654  
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 ) Examiner: John T. Hays  
Application No. : 09/926,174 )  
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Filed : January 7, 2002 )  
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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
WINDING UP AT LEAST ONE )  
PAPER WEB )

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 17, 2003, in the above-identified U.S. patent application, applicants elect to prosecute, in this application, the invention set forth in claims 33-37, which are identified by the Examiner as Group I and which are drawn to a method of drawing paper webs through a longitudinal folding hopper. Further in response to the election of species requirement, the applicants elect, in Group I, the species of the invention identified by the Examiner as species A which reads on claim 35. It is believed that claims 33 and 34 are generic. This election of species is made only in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

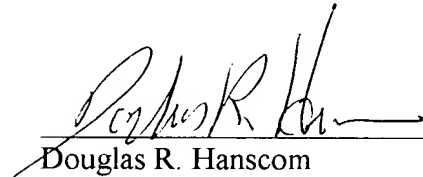
Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the invention not selected for prosecution in the subject U.S. patent application.

An early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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